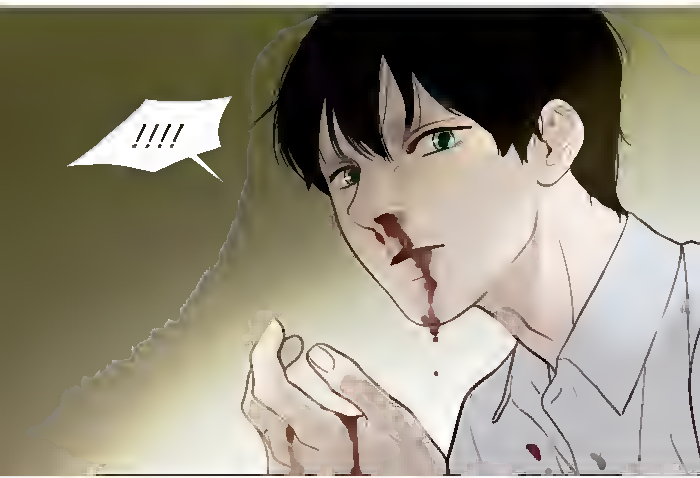

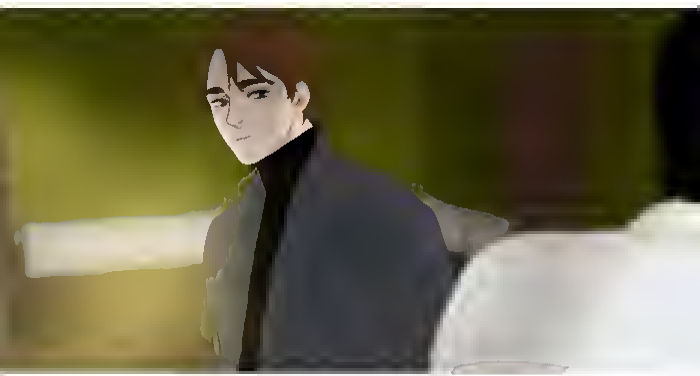

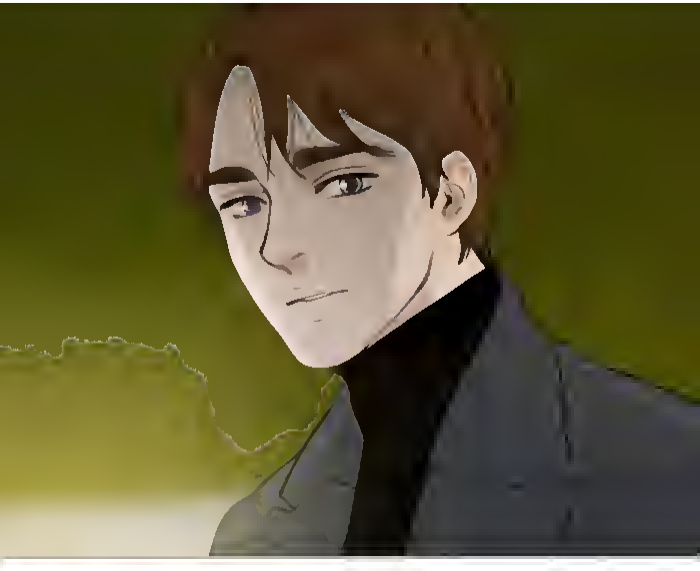

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TAP
DRINK THIS AND CALM DOWN.

...WEREN'T YOU ON YOUR WAY SOMEWHERE?
I'M FINE, SO.....
SNIFFLE

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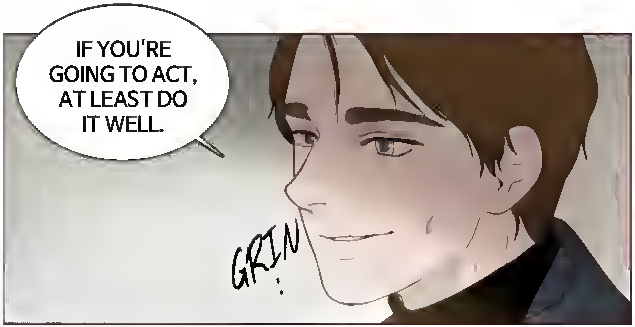
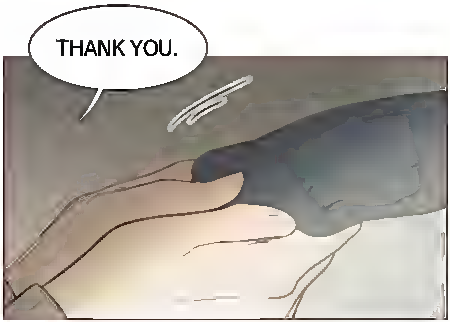

IF YOU'RE GOING TO ACT, AT LEAST DO IT WELL.
GRIN

ANYONE CAN TELL THAT YOU'RE AFRAID RIGHT NOW.
.....
THERE ARE CASES WHERE PEOPLE HAVE NOSEBLEEDS WHEN THEY'RE TIRED OR EXHAUSTED.
YOU MUST BE THAT WAY TOO.
DON'T BE TOO WORRIED.

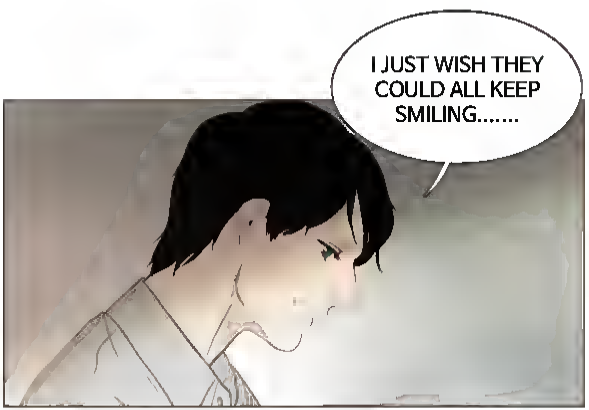
HAS THE BLEEDING STOPPED?
WIPE YOUR NOSE.

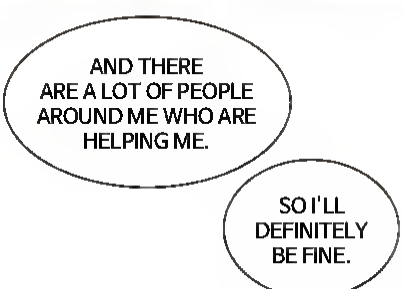

THANK YOU.

HMPH
WHAT IS IT THAT MAKES YOU SO SCARED OF THAT YOU KEEP TELLING ME IT'S OKAY?
.....

WELL-
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME IF YOU DON'T WANT TO.
IT'S JUST...

I DON'T WANT TO WORRY YOU.
IT HURTS SO MUCH WHEN I THINK OF OTHER PEOPLE BEING SAD BECAUSE OF ME.
IT HURTS MY HEART.....


I JUST WISH THEY COULD ALL KEEP SMILING.....


AND THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE AROUND ME WHO ARE HELPING ME.
SO I'LL DEFINITELY BE FINE.

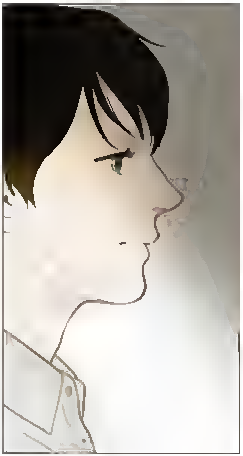
SO IT'S REALLY OKAY ....
NO, I GUESS YOU'RE SCARED OF DYING.

...I'M SCARED OF IT TOO.

I'M ACTUALLY JUST REALLY ANXIOUS.
I WISH YOU WOULD STAY RIGHT BY MY SIDE.

BUT I DON'T WANT TO SHOW JANE THESE FEELINGS OF MINE.

...COULD
I SEE YOUR
SCARS?



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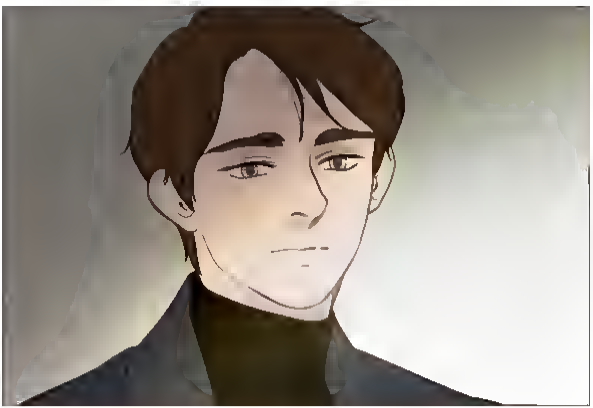
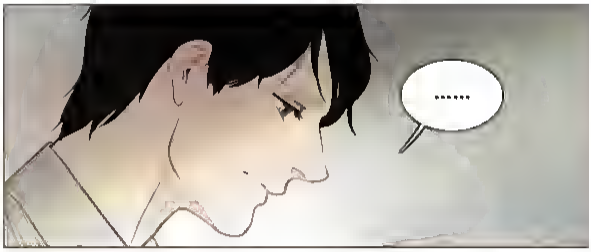
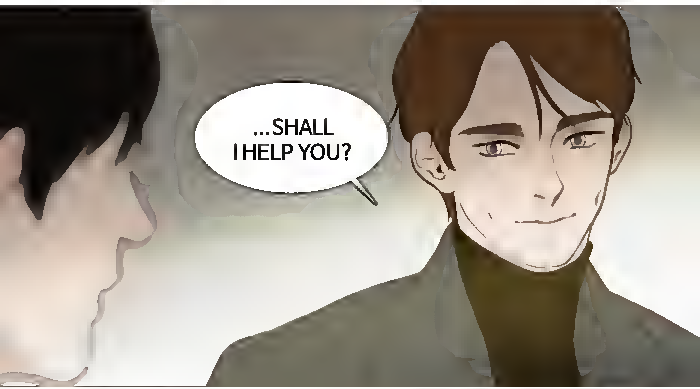


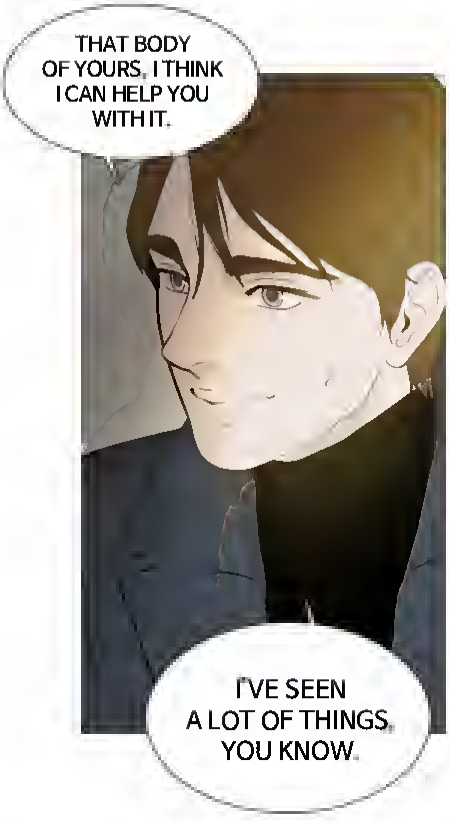
THE BRUISES HAVE GOTTEN CLEARER.

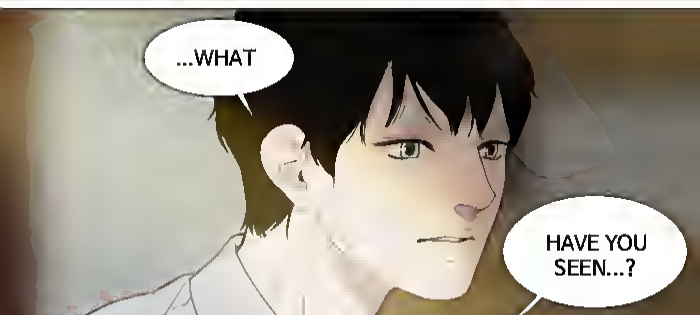
IT'S STILL NOT TOO SERIOUS.
BUT IT'S GETTING WORSE AS TIME GOES ON.

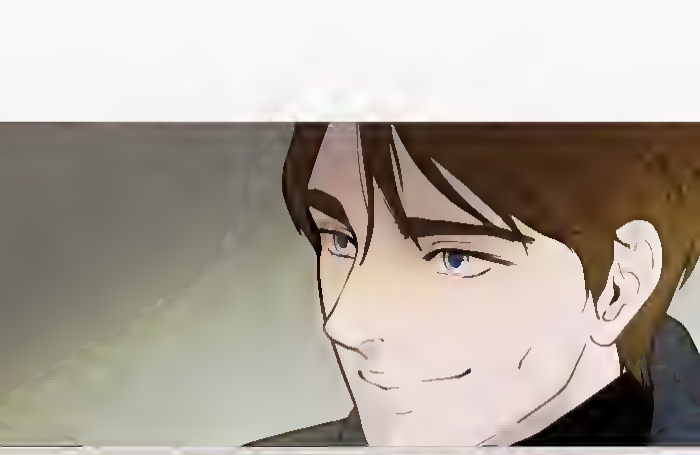



...SHALL
I HELP YOU?

WHAT?


THAT BODY OF YOURS, I THINK I CAN HELP YOU WITH IT.
I'VE SEEN A LOT OF THINGS, YOU KNOW.


...WHAT
HAVE YOU SEEN...?



AFTER LEARNING HOW TO WALK.
HOW TO READ AND WRITE.

AND HOW
TO SPEAK
FROM ROY.

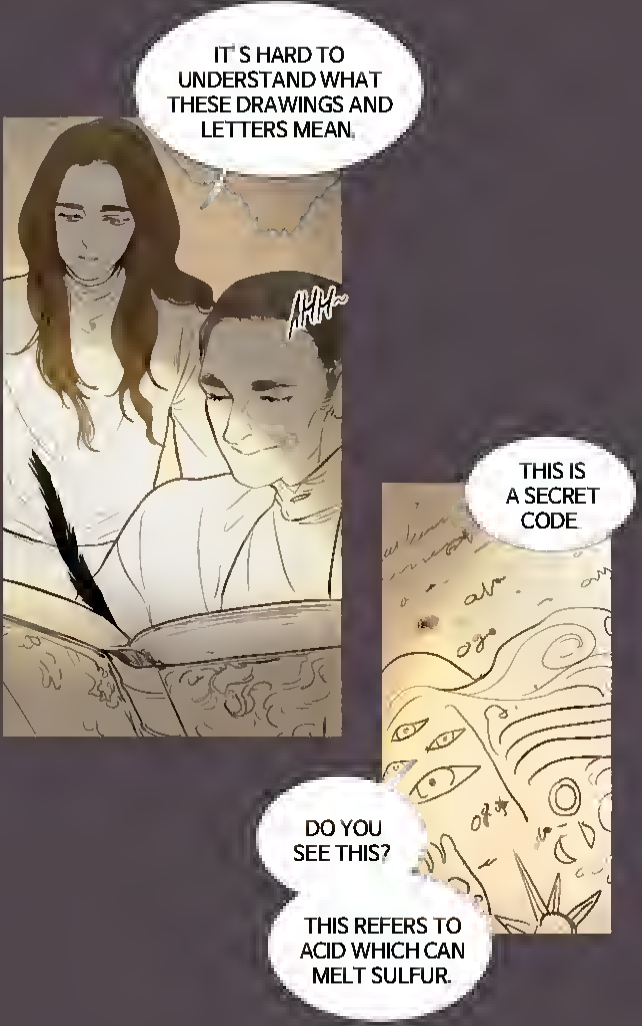
THAT'S WHEN
MY MASTER TOLD ME
A LOT ABOUT ALL
KINDS OF THINGS.

WHAT KIND OF PERSON HIS WIFE WAS.
HOW BEAUTIFUL HIS CHILD WAS.
WHAT HIS PLANS FOR THE FUTURE WERE.
WHAT KIND OF FAMILY HE WANTED TO CREAT.
EVEN WHAT KIND OF SON I NEEDED TO BECOME.

THE DAY THAT YOU BECOME MY SON.
I WANT TO GIVE YOU THE NAME "ZOE LEV."
GRIN
.....
THANK YOU.

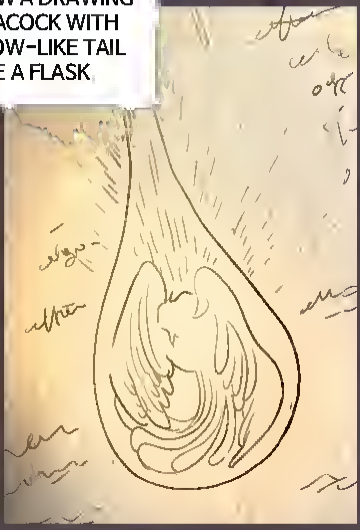
YOU'VE ALSO LEARNED HOW TO SMILE!
ROY SURE HAS TAUGHT YOU WELL!
YES.
ROY TOLD ME
I'M SUPPOSED TO SMILE WHEN I RECEIVE SOMETHING

JUST AS PEOPLE ALWAYS FEEL VERY STRONG ATTACHMENT TO FIRST THINGS.
HE MADE MORE OF ME.
...THAT'S HOW I REMEMBER IT.


IT'S HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THESE DRAWINGS AND LETTERS MEAN.
AHH~
THIS IS A SECRET CODE.
DO YOU SEE THIS?
THIS REFERS TO ACID WHICH CAN MELT SULFUR.

AT THE TIME

I ALSO SAW A DRAWING OF A PEACOCK WITH A RAINBOW-LIKE TAIL INSIDE A FLASK



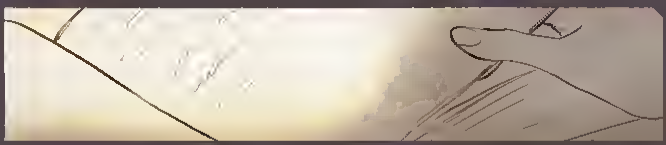
AT THE TIME I COULDN T FIGURE OUT WHAT EXACTLY THAT MEANT

THEN ONE DAY,
ROY AND MY MASTER HAD
GONE OUT TO GET BODIES
FOR EXPERIMENTS.

MY MASTER MAY
HAVE HIDDEN
THINGS FROM ROY.

BUT HE NEVER
HID ANYTHING
FROM ME.

FOR EXAMPLE,
THE LOCATION OF
THE BOOK WITH ALL
OF THAT INFORMATION
WRITTEN IN CODE.



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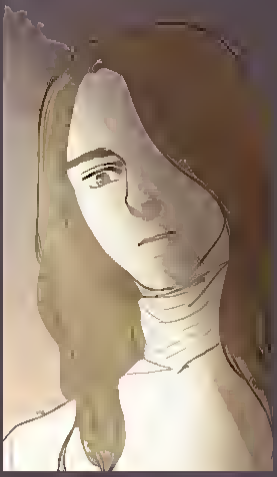
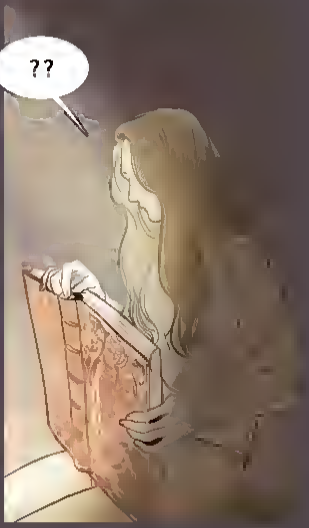
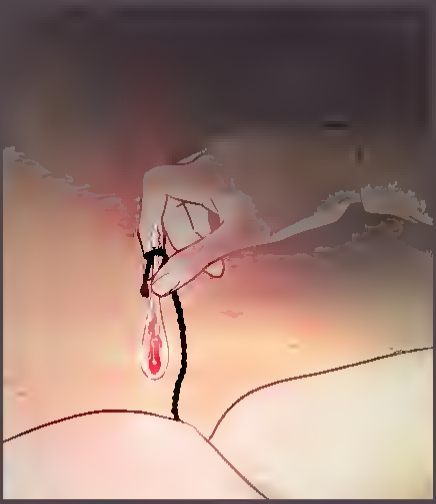
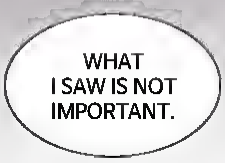




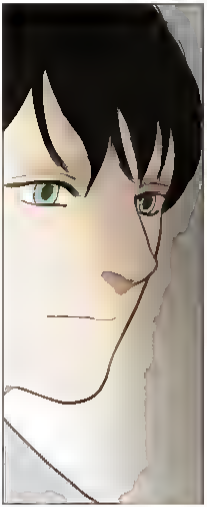


WHAT THAT PEACOCK
WITH THE RAINBOW TAIL
INSIDE THE FLASK MEANT.

(PEACOCK WITH A RAINBOW TAIL INSIDE A FLASK:
THE COLOR WHICH APPEARS WHEN A RED
SAGE'S STONE IS CREATED INSIDE A FLASK)


WHAT
I SAW IS NOT
IMPORTANT.

THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT I CAN HELP YOU.



DO YOU KNOW WHAT HE SAID?

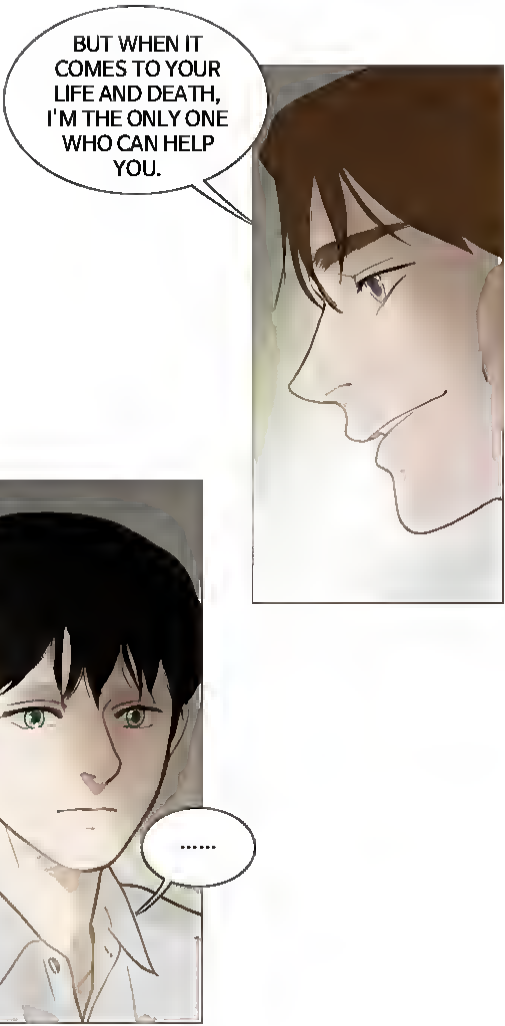
HE JUST WANTS YOU GONE!

MAKE SURE YOU CHOOSE CAREFULLY.

WHY ARE YOU OFFERING TO HELP ME.....?
OF COURSE I DIDN'T FEEL GOOD LONG AGO WHEN I SAW THAT YOU HAD TAKEN MY PLACE.
BUT WHAT COULD YOU HAVE DONE WRONG?
YOU WERE SIMPLY CREATED AND THEN OPENED YOUR EYES.

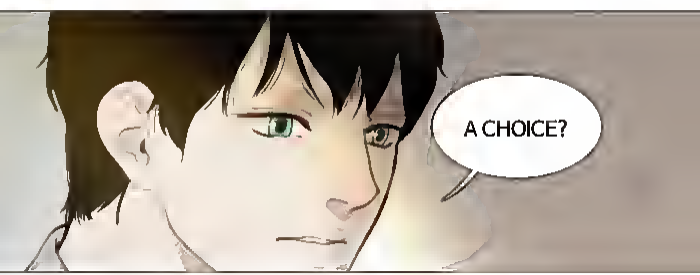
OF COURSE
I STILL HAVE RESENTMENT
LEFT TOWARDS ROY,
BUT THERE'S NO REASON
AT ALL FOR ME TO RESENT
YOU ANYMORE.
PLUS WE'RE
BROTHERS,
YOU KNOW.

...I APPRECIATE YOUR HELP. BUT THE OTHER PEOPLE HELPING ME—
THEY MAY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU WITH BASIC THINGS.
LIKE FINDING A WAY FOR YOU TO GET AN ID CARD.
AH, THEY COULD ALSO CUT OFF YOUR TIES COMPLETELY WITH THE LAB.


BUT WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR LIFE AND DEATH, I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP YOU.
.....

YOU SEEM TO REALLY AGONIZE ABOUT THIS.
I CAN'T JUST HELP YOU RIGHT AWAY EVEN IF YOU ASK ME TO DO.

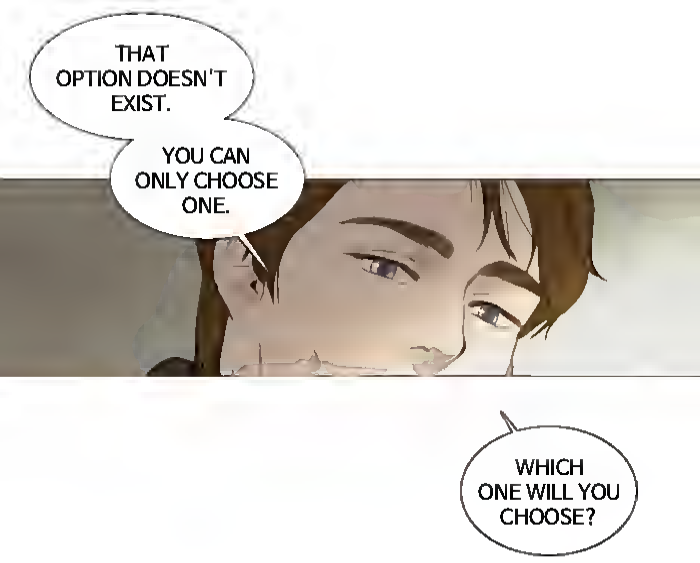
YOU STILL HAVE TO MAKE ONE MORE CHOICE AFTER THAT ANYWAY.

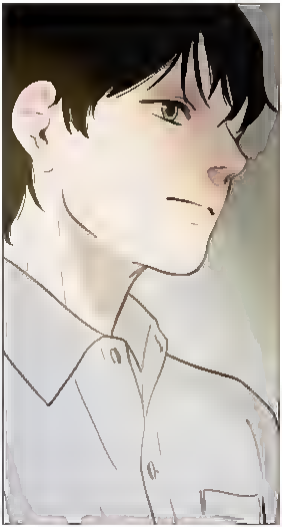


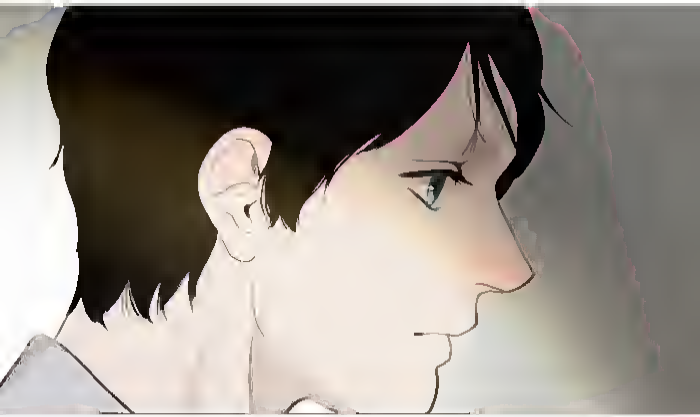
YOU HAVE TWO OPTIONS.
TAP
TAP

ONE IS TO GO ON LIVING YOUR LIFE HERE LIKE NOW BUT WITH THE ANXIETY THAT YOU'RE GOING TO DIE.
THE OTHER IS TO END YOUR LIFE HERE BUT LIVE FOR A LONG TIME WITHOUT ANY WORRIES AT ALL.

...I WANT TO STAY HERE WITH JANE AND ROY AND EVERYONE ELSE WITHOUT ANY FEAR OR ANXIETY.


THAT OPTION DOESN'T EXIST.
YOU CAN ONLY CHOOSE ONE.
WHICH ONE WILL YOU CHOOSE?





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